Import of Films

340. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of agreements for import of films were entered into with Foreign distributors:

(b) if so, the nature and details of the films proposed to be imported; and

(c) the extent of Foreign Exchange likely to be spent on these deals?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and(b) NFDC, a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting have signed three-year agreements with Sovexportfilm of USSR and Motion Picture Export Association of America (MPEAA) for import and distribution of films into India. The feature films proposed to be imported and distributed by these agencies must satisfy the eligibility criteria and requirements of quality laid down in the policy for import of feature films in force at the time of signing the Agreements. The maximum number of feature films which Motion Picture Export Association of America (MPEAA) and Sovexportfilm can import and distribute in India annually are 100 and 20 respectively.

(c) There is no out-go of foreign exchange in the case of import of feature films by Sovexportfilm. However, in case of Agreement between NFDC and Motion Picture Export Association of America, the member companies can repatriate amounts subject to the annual ceiling of US dollars 7 lakhs in the first year of the Agreement, US dollars 10 lakhs in the second year and US dollars 14 lakhs in the third year.

Encroachment in Paschim Vihar

341. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of house owners have extended and encroached 7 to 10 feet on public streets and lanes in D.D.A. colony of Paschim Vihar, New Delhi causing traffic problems and parking difficulties;

(b) whether it is also a fact that vacant DDA land and space meant for public utility has been encroached upon at Balbir Singh Marg, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi;

(c) whether D.D.A. has made any survey in this regard and whether any action has been taken so far against above encroachments; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken to free the public streets, lanes and places from encroachments and by when these are proposed to be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Deterioration in land holdings

342. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation with regard to the deterioration, if any, in the land holdings pattern in the country over the years in the size of one to two hectares of land operated by small farmers since 1960-61 to 1980-81 and from 1981-82 onwards; and